(b) In 1983, applications were invited by Northern Railway for allotment of a chemist stall at New Delhi station, but no allotment was made as none of the applicants was found suitable.

(c) Medicines, toilet|cosmetic items, jams, squashes and items like Horlick, Bournvita and Ovaltine can be sold from chemist stalls.

Shortage of Platforms at Delhi Junction

3746. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements have been made for non-detention of the trains at the outer singals due to shortage of vacant platforms at Delhi Railway Junction;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to increase in passenger traffic the Northern Railway has reported regularly to the Board for construction of more passenger platforms at Delhi Junction; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Necessary steps, inlcuding route relay interlocking, electrification, extension of platforms and augmentation of maintenance facilities have been taken.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Passenger Platforms at Railway Stations

3747. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of stations where new passenger platforms were constructed during the last three years, year-wise, in each Zonal Railways;

(b) the names of the stations where the goods|parcel platforms converted into passenger platforms, year-wise in each Zonal Railways during the same period; and

(c) the names of stations where metre-gauge platforms have been converted into broad gauge platforms from July, 1984 to June, 1987 in each Zonal Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Passenger Amenities on National Highways

3748. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1164 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1987 and state:

(a) what sites earmarked and proposal received regarding setting up of passenger amenities on National Highways in the country and the names and addresses of the parties who have submitted the proposals and sites requested, party-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have not received good response, if so, whether the date for the receipt of proposals have been extended, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Initially 52 offers were received from private parties for location of passenger amenities on National Highways. After initial screening, 39 parties